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SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN : Since the training centre is likely to be "carried away" by South Kanara district into the new Mysore State, will the Hon. Minister think of opening such training centres in the centre of Tamilnad?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Sir, I have already stated that there is a provision of Rs. 1,81,200 for opening three centres in the coastal and economically backward areas of the State. Certainly the areas outside South Kanara and Malabar districts will also be taken into consideration.

SRI S. DAIVASIGAMONEY : May I know whether in the training centres instruction will be given to the trainees for stitching suits in Western fashion or whether they will be given instruction only to stitch dresses like "jubas and shirts" which are worn by Congressmen?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Instruction will be given for stitching dresses according to the tastes and requirements—Eastern or Western type—of the people.

SRI P. G. MANICKAM : ஹரிஜனங்களின் பயிற்சிக்காக ஒரு தையல் தொழிற்சாலையை ஏற்படுத்துவதற்கு அரசாங்கம் முன்வருமா என்பதை அறிய விரும்புகிறேன்.

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : ஹரிஜனங்களுக்கு என்று தனியாக ஒரு தையல் வேலை தொழிற்சாலை ஏற்படுத்தும் யோசனை இப்பொழுது அரசாங்கத்திடம் இல்லை.

SRI M. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : There was a tailoring training centre at Kanjangod conducted by Sri Swami Ramdas. He has now offered the buildings and the land as a gift to the Government. May I know whether the Government will accept the gift and conduct a tailoring centre there?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I would like to have notice.

Loss of radium needles

* 213 *Q*.—SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state— 9-40 a.m.

(*a*) whether it is a fact that some radium needles were lost in the Women and Children Hospital, Egmore, in 1955;

(*b*) how they were lost;

(*c*) the officer responsible for the safe custody of the needles; and

(*d*) how and by whom the loss was found out?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY : (*a*) Yes, Sir, but only temporarily.

(*b*) At the time of removal of radium from a patient on the 20th July 1955 it was found that one of the ovoids containing radium needles and the gauze packing inserted into the vagina of the patient were missing. The radium needles with the gauze

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packing would have slipped into the kidney tray while the patient was passing urine and the tray would not have been examined properly by the nurse on duty before emptying its contents into the bucket kept for the purpose.

(c) The Physicist attached to the hospital is responsible for the raidum kept in the safe. The Radiologist is responsible for the safe custody of the radium from the moment he receives it for treatment till it is returned to the Physicist. The nurse-in-charge of the Radium ward and the Radiologist are responsible for the care of the radium applied to patients.

(d) The loss was found out when radium was removed from the patient by the Medical Officer of the Radium ward. The radium needles were recovered on the very same day with the help of the Radium Detector.

SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR: What will be the approximate cost of the needles that were found to have been lost temporarily?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY: Sir, the radium needles were recovered on the very same day. I cannot give the cost price of the needles.

Extension of electricity to Shoranur

* 214 Q.—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state how far the work connected with the extension of electricity to Shoranur, Ottapalam, Lakadi, etc., in South Malabar has progressed?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI: The extension works in Mundamuga area have been completed and supply of power has been made available to Shoranur, Chuduvanathur, Mudumaka and Nedupathur villages. The work for extending supply to Karakkad, Vanniamkulam and Ottapalam is in progress. The high tension line work up to Kunnathara (i.e., for 1–6 miles), has already been completed.

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP: Sir, the latest information I have received is that the work has been stopped. Will the Hon. the Minister examine whether the information I have received is correct and see that the work is not stopped?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI: I have no information on that. I shall make enquiries, but my information is that the work is in progress.

SRI K. KUNHI MOHAMED SHAFEE: Sir, may I know whether there is any proposal to extend the line to Cherpalacheri and Pattambi?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI: I have no information. A separate question may be put.